

William T. Grant Foundation – Scholars Program

Unrestricted funding opportunity

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Website: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program>
Submission Limitations: None
Application Deadline: **July 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (EST)**

*Please contact your RAS unit *and* Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit*

The William T. Grant Foundation mission is to support research **to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25** in the United States. One way that we pursue this mission is by investing in high-quality **field-initiated studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes**.

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. Toward this end, we seek studies that aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people.

- We prioritize studies about reducing inequality on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins.
- Researchers interested in applying for a William T. Grant Scholars Award must select one focus area: 1) Reducing inequality in youth outcomes, or 2) Improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be nominated by their institutions. Major divisions (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, Medical School) of an institution may nominate only one applicant each year. Applicants of any discipline are eligible.
- Applicants must have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application.
- Applicants must be employed in career-ladder positions. For many applicants, this means holding a tenure-track position in a university. The award may not be used as a post-doctoral fellowship.

Selection Criteria:

- Selection is based on applicants' potential to become influential researchers, as well as their plans to expand their expertise in new and significant ways.
- The application should make a cohesive argument for how the applicant will expand his or her expertise.
- The research plan should evolve in conjunction with the development of new expertise, and the mentoring plan should describe how the proposed mentors will support applicants in acquiring that expertise.

Awards: Each year, four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected. Each receives up to \$350,000 over five years.

Application Review Process:

- Review occurs in the following stages: Staff screen abstracts, brief CVs, and, if warranted, full applications to determine whether they fit our research focus areas and potentially meet other Selection Criteria.
- Next, the Scholars Selection Committee reviews the remaining applications.
- Each application receives detailed reviews by two Committee members.
- The Committee then chooses approximately 10 finalists, who will be invited to New York City for an interview on February 5, 2021.
- Prior to the interview, finalists' proposals are reviewed by two external reviewers.

For more information about this opportunity and resources for applicants, please see:

<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program>.